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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action on the merits mailed January 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire April 21, 2003, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26-34, 36, 43, 44, and 50-54 are pending in the application. Claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26-33, 36, 43, 44, and 50-54 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claim numbered 34 has been objected to by the Examiner.

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

Kindly amend the paragraph found on page 6, lines 1-7 as follows:

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-- Y represents oxygen, sulphur or NR^{10} , where R^{10} represents hydrogen, C_{1-12} alkyl, aryl, hydroxy C_{1-12} alkyl or aralkyl groups or when Y is NR^{10} , R^8 and R^{10} may form a 5 or 6 membered nitrogen containing ring, optionally substituted with one or more C_{1-6} alkyl;